Modification of MPLADS

1037. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to modify, amend or abrogate the MPs' Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS);

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor; and

(c) what as per Government's perception, has been overall achievement of the MPLADS since its inception?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) There is no proposal to abrogate the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) under consideration. However, MPLADS Guidelines have been comprehensively revised and issued on 16.11.2005.

(b) The salient features of the revised Guidelines is given Statement (*see* below).

(c) Since inception of the Scheme in 1993 and upto 27.11.2005, Rs. 14350.80 crore has been released by Government of India. As per the reports received from the Districts as on 17.11.2005, 883069 works at the cost of Rs. 14057.68 crore had been sanctioned, out of which 780268 works have been completed. So far an expenditure of Rs. 12800.25 crore has been incurred. The percentage of utilzation over release is 89.19 and the percentage of works completed to works sanctioned is 88.36.

Statement

Revised Guidelines of MPLADS

Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) is under implementation since 1993-94. The Guidelines under the Scheme were revised from time to time and lastly it was revised in April, 2002. Subsequently, certain clarificatory circulars have been issued. Now, a comprehensive revision has been made and a fresh set of Guidelines has been issued on 16th November, 2005. These Guidelines are based on the feedback received from Hon'ble MPs, the suggestions of the Committees on MPLADS (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha), the observations made by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the operational experience gained in the monitoring of the scheme.

In the revised guidelines, some of the improvements are as under:

(i) Important sectors like drinking water, education, public health, sanitation and roads have been given priority.

(ii) Earmarking of funds to the extent of 15% and 7.5% funds for the development of SC and ST inhabited areas respectively.

(iii) Automatic release of Rs. 1 crore in respect of MPs at the time of constitution of Lok Sabha and election to the Rajya Sabha without fulfilment of conditions including monthly progress report.

(iv) Automatic release of first instalment in any financial year in those cases where two instalments have been released in the previous year.

(v) The role of Implementing Agencies, District Authority, State Government and Central Government have been clearly delineated.

(vi) Limit of Rs. 25 lakh of individual work has been removed while maintaining the same for Trusts/Societies/NGOs.

(vii) List of the permissible items has been removed. Instead the list of works prohibited under MPLADS has been given.

(viii) MPLADS works costing upto Rs. 10 lakh for natural calamities like floods, cyclone etc. by MPs from the non-affected areas of their State.

(ix) The maximum limit for rehabilitation of work in the affected areas by severe calamities have been raised to Rs. 50 lakhs.

(x) A time frame for all the works completed from 1993-94 onward has been prescribed for submission of Utilization Certificates and Audit Certificates.

(xi) Utilization Certificate for the previous financial year and the Audit certificate for the funds utilized in the year prior to the previous year have also been made the pre-requisites for the release of the second instalment in a year.

(xii) The role of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local bodies as Implementing Agencies has been stressed.

Projects received from Andhra Pradesh

1038. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects received by Government from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh during the last one and a half year;